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DISPATCHER SERVICE AT SOVIET SHELTER-BELT STATIONS

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

Successful accomplishment of the tasks set for LES (shelter-belt stations) by the Stalin Transformation-of-Nature Plan depends largely on proper labor organization and operational administration of production processes, at the LES itself and in its sections which are engaged in agricultural and forestry improvement work.

LES are new enterprises which have been organized to carry out the work of afforesting the arid-steppe regions and to build ponds and reservoirs.(1) The Council of Ministers USSR and TsK VKP(b) has charged the Ministry of Forestry USSR with the task of organizing 300 LES in the course of 3 years, 1949-1951; only 56 were organized in 1949, but their number had increased to 172 by the end of 1950.(2) The large scale of agricultural and forestry improvement work to be undertaken requires close supervision of all activities on the part of the LES supervisors.

The experience of LES which have been in operation for 2 years shows that the best method of centralized operational control is a well organized dispatcher service. The wide dispersal of production sections and tractor and earth-moving brigades complicates control and checking of performances and makes it necessary to organize dispatcher services at every LES.

The duties of the dispatcher include recording fulfillments of planned tasks; providing LES supervisors with information concerning the progress of operations in the production sections; providing organizational and technical aid to the tractor and earth-moving brigades, production sections, and kolkhozes; and recording the results of socialist competitions.

The experience of dispatcher services at the Kantemirovka, Novo-Annensk, and Shatsk LES has clearly shown that their effectiveness is considerably improved if the LES has the necessary communications equipment (radio stations, telephones, etc.) at its disposal, if it has qualified personnel to operate the equipment, and if the necessary records are properly kept. Successful dispatching work also depends on precise planning at the LES and close attention to this important function by the supervisors.

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The dispatching personnel of a LES usually consists of a central dispatcher and brigade computers, who act as the dispatchers of the tractor brigades. But the dispatcher service must be flexible so as to meet the requirements of each LES. At Kantemirovka LES, there are three production sections and the men of the agricultural and forestry improvement section serve as intermediate dispatchers between LES headquarters and brigades.

The principal means of communication used by the dispatcher services at Kantemirovka and Novo-Annensk LES are sending-receiving, short-wave radio stations designed for use under rural conditions, and the telephone system of rural soviets and kolkhozes served by it. Motorcycles, velocipedes, or special messengers are used in some instances for dispatcher communications.

As shown in the appended diagram, the dispatcher of Kantemirovka LES performs all operational control work from a central control room in LES headquarters. All data and communications from the production sections flow into the control room. (1)

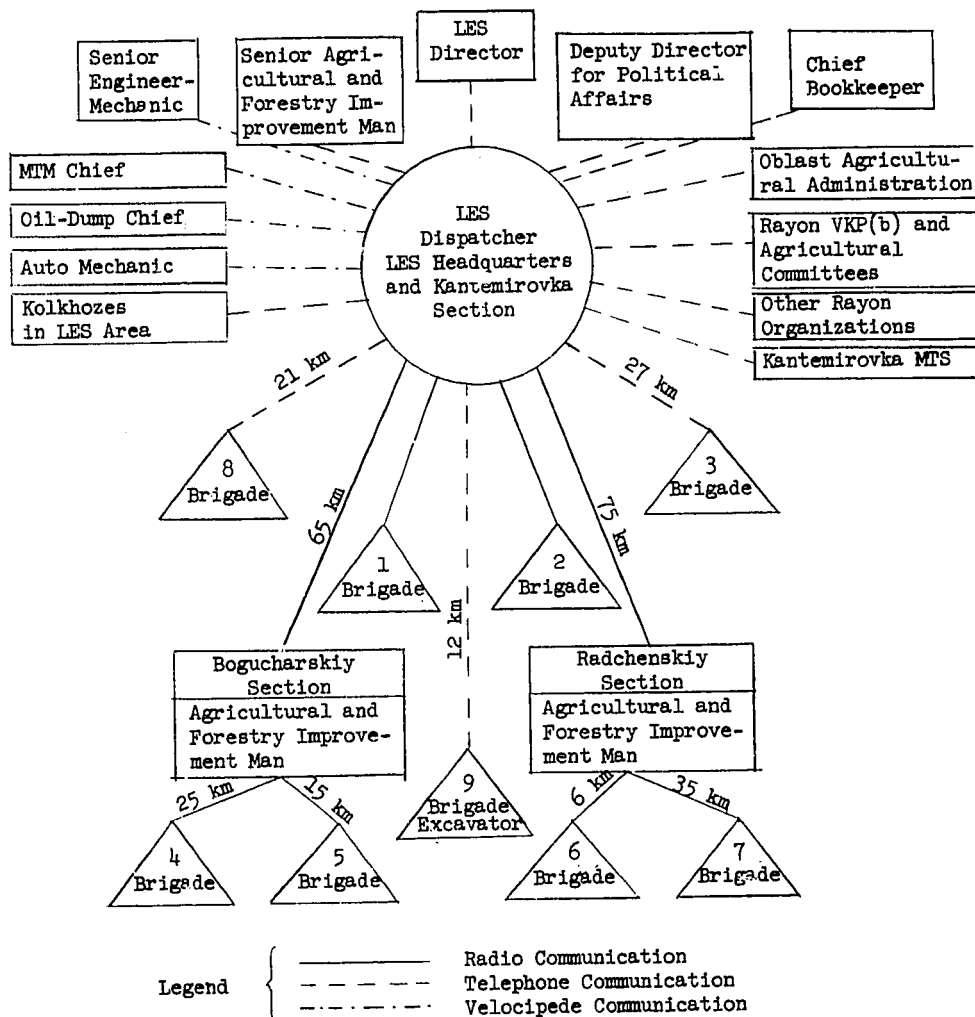
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Diagram of Dispatcher Communications
at Kantemirovka LES, Voronezh Oblast,
1950 Season (1)



[NOTE: The Kantemirovka LES comprises three sections: Kantemirovka Section, Bogucharskiy Section, and Radchenskiy Section]

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